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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re application of: Wren, Stephen

Serial No: 08/650,834

Group No.: 2411

Filed: 5/20/96

Examiner: Weinhardt

For: System for Marketing Goods and
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Central and Remote Facilities

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ATTENTION: Group Director, Group 2411 (M.P.E.P. §1002.02(c))

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER M.P.E.P. § 708.02, VIII

Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions that the above application be made special under MPEP Sec. 708.02 for the following reason; attached is a declaration in support thereof:

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| I. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer Available; | VI. <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Savings Will Result; |
| II. <input type="checkbox"/> Infringement Exists; | VII. <input type="checkbox"/> Recombinant DNA is involved; |
| III. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Health is Poor; | VIII. <input type="checkbox"/> Special Procedure: Search was made; |
| IV. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Age if 65 or Greater; | IX. <input type="checkbox"/> Superconductivity is advanced. |
| V. <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality Will be Advanced; | |

- ☐ Also attached, since reason I, II, VII, or VIII has been checked, is the \$130 Petition Fee pursuant to Rules 102 and 17(i).

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney of Record

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Attachments: Fee if indicated and supporting Declaration

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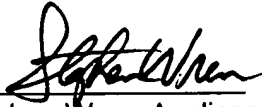
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**Declaration in Support of Accompanying Petition to Make Special
Reason I — Manufacturer Available**

In support of the accompanying Petition to Make Special, applicant declares as follows:

1. I am the applicant in the above identified patent application.
2. On November 24, 1993, under a secrecy agreement I contacted Mr. Bob Barone, President of Diebold Corporation in Canton, OH and we discussed my invention which is the subject of patent application Ser. No. 650,834. In a subsequent discussion on February 17, 1994 with Mr. Ray Stankunas of the company, (Director, New Market Development) he stated my invention "had merit in selling goods and services" and "that it is promising". However, he then and in multiple discussions afterwards through 1996 declined to proceed further until a patent had issued.
3. On April 13, 1995, I was in discussions with Mr. John DiNiro, Chairman of Personal Financial Assistant Corporation (the owner of the D'Agostino patent) to discuss my invention. Because of his interest he quickly suggested that we meet. In a follow up conversation on the 24th he expressed his belief that my invention was novel. He stated interest in using both patents. However those negotiations also came to a close because Mr. DiNiro would not agree to spend the necessary monies to develop it in the absence of a patent.
4. I later contacted Mr. Chris Tyler of Electronic Data Systems Corporation in Plano, Texas on May 25, 1995 and discussed my invention with him. He referred me to, and on July 24 I spoke with, Mr. Ernie Radowick of the company. One of his responsibilities was to establish the company's strategy for their visual communications organization. He appreciated the importance of my invention and expressed his opinion that it was new and different. He reaffirmed that belief on August 28 and again on September 12. On August 5, 1996, he said they would be "very interested in licensing" once a patent issued. Those negotiations have also stalled and fallen through because of the absence of a patent.
5. The reason for the accompanying petition is that presently I devote all of my activities and time to the development of my invention. Since I am continuing to attempt to license my invention, It is therefore important to me that this petition be granted.
6. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these

statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing therefrom.



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